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NEW PEACE OFFER BY KAISER

GREAT RUSH TO ENLIST SWAMPING U.S. OFFICES

NEW RULING THAT THOSE WHO FAIL IN EFFORTS TO VOLUNTEER ENLIST THRU BOARDS.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The rush of thousands to enlist, among them draft registrants eager to avail themselves of their last opportunity to volunteer, is overtaxing the recruiting facilities of the country. At the same time draft boards began mailing the first 5 per cent of the questionnaires for the classification of 5,000,000 registrants.

It was announced that registrants failing in their efforts to enlist will be permitted to join the regulars through their local boards, but they will retain their status as members of the national army.

Provost Marshal General Crowder predicted absolute success for the draft classification system. He said within sixty days millions of registrants will stand marshaled for their places in the world war, each in the class to which his economic worth entitled him. He characterized the new system of choosing an army as the acme of scientific precision.

"The men will shoulder guns first and then will follow with reason," he said. "Only grim necessity will compel us to invade more deferred classes, but if the necessity arises it will find the country ready."

Secretary Baker ordered that the thousands of registrants who volunteered, but were rejected because of the breakdown of recruiting machinery, should be accepted even though they could not complete their examination until later.

R.R. DECISION BY WILSON MONDAY

THAT IS DATE RUMORED; MANY SUGGESTED TO HEAD RAIL BUREAU.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Without any reason for it apparent on the surface, the impression grew today that President Wilson will settle the question of how the government is to deal with the railroad problem about Monday.

The president is still deliberating over the various proposals that have been put before him—the government operation or suspension of anti-trust laws—alternatives of the interstate commerce commission, the plan for naming a federal administrator to direct operations by the present railroad managements and the confident assertion of the railroad war board that the lines can handle the situation themselves with certain changes in government policy.

In considering the appointment of a federal administrator or director, it is understood the president is occupied chiefly with the question of who the man should be. Several names already have been discussed at the capital and in railroad circles, without, however, any indication that the president actually is preparing to select one of them. First on the list has been Secretary Lane, whose knowledge of railroad questions is well known because of his service on the interstate commerce commission. Associate Justice Brandeis of the supreme court has been mentioned, and the visit of former Justice Charles E. Hughes to the White House a few days ago, added him to the group. Today the name of Secretary McAdoo was

FRANCE GIVES U. S. LAND FOR CEMETERIES

(By Associated Press.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 15.—A bursting shell struck a pile of tools today and wounded two American engineers behind the British front.

(By Associated Press.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 15.—An army branch to be known as the "graves registration service" has been organized to arrange proper burial for Americans who died in France and to care for the graves. It consists of a unit of two officers and fifty men attached to each division. The French authorities have already assigned to the American expeditionary force land to use as semi-permanent or temporary cemeteries.

BAKER OPPOSES PERMANENT DRAFT

ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT SEEK LEGISLATION FOR UNIVERSAL SERVICE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Secretary Baker's annual report for the war department constitutes only a brief historical review of the year, and so that it may be devoid of information for the enemy shows no recommendations, no detailed information or the transportation of the army to France or any army plans for the future.

Secretary Baker does say, however, that he does not favor universal military training as a regular national policy.

"The department has not sought and does not now seek legislation on the subject," he says, "chiefly for the reason that the formation of a permanent military policy will inevitably be affected by the arrangement consequent upon the termination of the present war. Civilized men must hope that the future has in store a relief from the burden of armament and the destruction and waste of war."

"However vain that hope may appear in the midst of the most devastating and destructive war in the history of the race, it persists—perhaps because we are encouraged by the analogous substitution of courts for force in the settlement of private controversies; perhaps because all the perfections of nature teach us that they are the product of processes which have eliminated waste and substituted constructive principles for destructive principles."

EXPOSURE KILLS TWO SAILORS OF ACTON

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Seamen John Thomas Moran and Chester Theodore Berry, of the naval guard on the American seamer Acton, torpedoed and sunk November 25, died from exposure, and two others, Gunner's Mate Leonard Richard Kabke and Seaman Howard S. Platt, still are unaccounted for, the navy department announces in a statement, adding details to the meager reports of the torpedoing received last month.

Sixteen men of the armed guard were saved and all of the civilian crew except two, John Fitzgerald and a seaman named Downey, who died in open boats from exposure and thirst. Berry also died in a small boat from the same cause.

MAIL XMAS CHECKS.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The war risk insurance bureau today redoubled its efforts to mail before Christmas checks for the first family allotment of allowance payments to wives, mothers or other dependents of men in the army and navy.

brought out and the president was said to be weighing the question whether the head of the treasury department could be spared from the tremendous task of handling the nation's war financing.

BIG GUNS POUND THE ITALIAN LINE

BOLSHEVIKI HOLD REINS IN RUSSIA

PETROGRAD DISPATCHES SHED LITTLE LIGHT ON SITUATION; ALL EYES ON ASSEMBLY.

(By Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—FORMER EMPEROR NICHOLAS OF RUSSIA HAS ESCAPED HIS CONFINEMENT AT TOBOLSK, ACCORDING TO ADVICES RECEIVED AT BOLSHEVIKI HEADQUARTERS. A SPECIAL TRAIN MANNED BY SAILORS WAS DISPATCHED FROM PETROGRAD TO PURSUE HIM.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Petrograd dispatches shed little light on the military situation in Southeastern Russia. The whereabouts and present fortunes of General Kaledine and Korniloff are not definitely known.

The Post's correspondent says the fog of war has settled over all Russia, although little actual warfare has developed. The people of Petrograd are more interested in the attitude of the Bolsheviks toward the constituent assembly than peace negotiations or the civil war in the south.

All advisers agree that force is the only law in Russia today, and the strongest force wielded for the moment is by the Bolsheviks, who, under the guidance of Lenin and Trotsky, are said to have established a despotic regime against which many of the Bolsheviks are murmuring.

(By Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.—(Friday)—Charles Smith, connected with the American railway commission, is reported to have been arrested at Tchita, Siberia.

Smith was arrested with former Assistant Minister of Railways Oustrougoff, who is held as a member of the provisional government. Ambassador Francis telegraphed American consuls at Harbin and Vladivostok to intervene. Bolshevik headquarters said it was a mistake if an American was arrested and that he will be released immediately.

COLD WAVE HITS WINDY CITY AND MANY SHIVER

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Absence of wind and the tall buildings protected Chicago's downtown district from the cold wave that was felt in the outskirts of the city today. Commuters left their homes in zero temperatures and found the thermometer several degrees above in the business district.

GROSBY PRESIDENT OF INTER-ALLIED COUNCIL

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The interallied council which will consider questions of purchases and finances has elected Assistant Secretary Crosby of the United States treasury as president.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The decision of the interallied conference at Paris to co-ordinate the naval resources of the entente countries is regarded as one of the first important moves to consolidate the allied military strength.

NAMES SUPERVISOR.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 15.—The governor today named William Hamilton as supervisor of Alameda county.

Hearings to Begin Monday In Investigation of Navy

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Congress has extended its investigation of the administration's war preparations to the navy. While the senate military committee continued its army hearing the house naval committee unanimously decided to begin immediately a general inquiry into naval affairs and appointed a sub-committee headed by Representative Oliver of Alabama to conduct it.

It was officially announced that the purpose of the naval investigation would be to scrutinize past and future expenditures and policies and to secure greater co-ordination between congress and the executive departments in the conduct of the war. Hearings probably will begin Monday and most of them are expected to be behind closed doors to protect the navy's secrets.

Secretary Daniels heard about the committee's action as he left a cabinet meeting. He said he was pleased and that the more it found out about what the navy had accomplished the better congress would be satisfied.

England Made No Peace Plea Declares Blockade Minister

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, today branded as untrue the German statement that Germany had received

through a neutral channel an inquiry regarding the war aims of the Teutons under circumstances indicating the inquiry was made with the sanction of the British government.

GREATER SACRIFICES NEEDED, SAYS GEORGE

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Premier Lloyd George said that a call must be made on the nation for great sacrifices and more fighting men were needed until the American forces arrive to offset the burden that had been act on the allies by the defection of Russia and the reverses in Italy.

The allies now must defend all fronts against the enemy and have a mobile army for any point of emergency, the premier said, and he added that the allies had a superiority in man power in France on the battle front and there were considerable British reserves at home.

Premier Lloyd George, who was speaking at the dinner of the Gray's Inn Benchers, said:

"If this is the worst moment, it is because Russia has stepped out and America is only preparing to come in. Every hour that passes will see the gap formed by the retirement of the Russians filled by the valiant sons of the great republic. Germany knows it and Austria knows it, hence the desperate efforts that they are making to force the issue before America is ready."

Notwithstanding untoward occurrences, the allied forces in their warfare against the central powers are making steady progress toward victory, and peace proposals to Germany's militaristic party, which at present is drunk with boastfulness, would be a betrayal of the trust, he said.

I. W. W. TRIAL STARTS IN CHICAGO

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Authorities, in searching suspicious persons who crowded into the court room at the arraignment of 106 Industrial Workers of the World today on charges of conspiracy against the government, found a revolver in one man's pocket.

"I'm George Vandervere, one of the attorneys for the defense," he said. The bailiff replied: "You can carry a weapon in this court, no matter who you are."

TO TEACH SAVING OF FOOD IN THE SCHOOLS

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—California is the first state to adopt instruction in food conservation as a part of the regular public school curriculum. The governor's proclamation today urged school authorities and teachers to devote five minutes of each Monday to a food conservation subject. The state board of education is notifying the schools to inaugurate the plan on January 7. Administrator Merritt said it assured the success of the food conservation campaign in California.

WHY HE WAS CANNED.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—The letter to the former emperor, Nicholas of Russia, which led to the exiling of General Gurko, formerly commander of the Russian southwest front, has just been published here. Its chief offense lay in the fact that General Gurko expresses the belief that Russia, after a trial of the evils of democracy, will "once more turn towards its lawful Monarch and God's anointed."

ARTILLERY FROM THE NORTH IS CONCENTRATED ALONG PIAVE TO SMASH ALLIES' DEFENSE

Despite Tremendous Sacrifice of Life Austro-Germans Gain But Little Ground

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.—AN OFFICIAL BERLIN TELEGRAM SAYS THE KAISER, IN HIS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE, PROPOSES TO MAKE A FINAL PEACE OFFER TO HIS ENEMIES, "ON WHOM, IN CASE OF REJECTION, WILL FALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BLOODSHED OF 1918."

(By Associated Press.)

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 15.—Heavy fighting is in progress east of the Brenta river. The enemy is attempting to advance his position as he has went of the river. This would give him two lines of approach to the Brenta valley and the open plain. The enemy is using a large number of the heaviest guns from the northern fronts. The range and violence of the bombardment are increasing. Projectiles fell eight miles

back of the Piave. Four hundred monster shells were concentrated on one point.

Italian Commander Diaz said the enemy had secured an insignificant stretch of ground by three days' struggle and an immense sacrifice of blood.

Congressman Tinkham, who fired America's first shot against Austria, was slightly injured when an army automobile skidded and fell twenty feet. He was en route to the northern front.

NO UNLIMITED COINAGE, BAKER

GOVERNMENT NOT SUPPORTING SHAFROTH RESOLUTION; Bimetallism NOT ISSUE.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Director of the Mint Ray Baker, in denying reports that the government is considering an unlimited coinage of silver or the revival of the bimetallism issue, explained the proposed government acquisition was to stimulate production and to stabilize the market. It was officially explained the administration is not supporting the Shafroth resolution for the creation of a commission to study the international silver monetary questions.

Baker said the sole purpose of the government is to insure an adequate supply of silver at a price that will be fair to small producers, as well as large, and which will stimulate the production of silver, gold and other metals yielding silver as a by-product, to stabilize the American market and to render foreign exchange more stable. Negotiations will afford no opening for a revival of the economic issue and it should be regarded purely as an effort to secure an adequate supply and place American silver production on a more satisfactory and scientific basis.

TO EXILE MACHADO.

(By Associated Press.)

LISBON, Dec. 15.—The newly established revolutionary government has decided to send former President Machado from the country by a steamer of the government that the detest of the government that the deposed president must live abroad until the expiration of the term for which he was elected.

Major Norton De Matton, who was minister of war in the Costa cabinet, has demanded a month's furlough, after which he wishes to be sent to the front.

CANADA TO VOTE.

(By Associated Press.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Polls will close for the Canadian election at 5 p. m. Monday, when domestic ballots will be counted and boxes sealed for return to Ottawa. Boxes containing soldier votes will be forwarded to Paris, London and Ottawa for the counting of their contents.

LATE NEWS

3:30 Dispatches

ALLEGED SPY IS NAILED.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Federal authorities today arrested Curt Mutschink, alleged to be a former officer in the German navy, on a presidential warrant charging him to be a dangerous alien.

SECOND STEEL SHIP.

(By Associated Press.)

A PACIFIC PART, Dec. 15.—The second standardized steel ship to be launched in the Pacific for the emergency fleet corporation took the water today, sixty days after her keel was laid.

MORE FIRE PLOTS.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 15.—The third fire to occur recently at the Union Iron Works damaged slightly last night the hull of a wooden schooner being equipped with engines. The fire chief said he was certain it was incendiary.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15.—An official German statement says a treaty was formulated Friday between Russia and Germany. General discussion was postponed to permit the Russian delegates to obtain supplementary instructions from their government.

BUTLER THEATRE

TO-NIGHT

The Celebrated Star

ENID BENNETT, in

Thrilling Race Track Drama

"THEY'RE OFF"

Also

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

In Two-Reel Comedy Success

TOMORROW

House Peters, in "The Heir

of the Ages," and Pearl White,

in "The Fatal Ring"

Matinee 1:30—Night 7 & 9:30

Admission 11c and 17c